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People of the Fire

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Family Reunion Festival a success

Thousands of tribal members assemble in Shawnee

With more than 5,000 in attendance, Citizen Potawatomi Nation members celebrated their fifth annual Family Reunion Festival on a cooler-than-expected final weekend in June.

The large number of younger Potawatomis who attended the gathering is evidence of the wisdom of the switch from an intertribal pow wow to the Family Reunion Festival in 1999.

"These young people are forming an attachment to their tribe and to the land onto which it relocated in the 1860s and 1870s," said CPN Chairman John A. 'Rocky' Barrett. "We believe this pay off in the future as the Nation calls on today's young members for leadership."

One of the Nation's bright younger business owners earned a spot on the Business Committee in voting that was part of the Festival. 39-year-old Jim Snow of Lexington, Okla. defeated 18-



year incumbent Hilton Melot.

Snow outpolled Melot 711 to 354 in nationwide absentee voting. He had 153 votes to Melot's 117 in Festival walk-in voting for a final tally of 864 to 471. Snow garnered 64.7 percent of the total vote.

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Istook hears Potawatomi, Sac & Fox concerns

Freeing tribal assets so they can generate economic development capital was the discussion centerpiece as U.S. Rep. Ernest Istook met with Citizen Potawatomi Nation and Sac and Fox Nation leaders Tuesday. The meeting was held at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Administration Building, just south of Shawnee.

John 'Rocky' Barrett, Jr., CPN Chairman, told the congressman that causing the Bureau of Indian Affairs to act as a responsible trustee could generate hundreds of millions of dollars for economic development investment in Oklahoma.

"Unlike other governments and unlike corporations, we don't have the ability to use our existing capital as collateral," Barrett explained. "If you build a building on trust land, you cannot find an attorney in Oklahoma who will...issue an opinion to a bank that you can perfect a leasehold mortgage on (buildings) on Indian trust land."

Barrett said that is because the trustee -the U.S. Department of the Interior- will not tell lenders that it will enforce mortgages if the Indian tribe or business defaults.

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Festival:

Riley, Carter confirmed as justices

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Tribal members approved a budget measure and a proposal to require mailing absentee ballot requests to all members. The Budget question was approved 1139 to 174, an 86.7 percent approval rate. Tribal members voted for the Absentee Ballot request mailing 1082 to 201, an 84.3 percent approval.

Tribal officials also announced the calling of a Special General Council Meeting. That meeting was held on Saturday, July 26, 2003. The sole purpose was to schedule an election to make permanent the appointments of Angela Renee Riley and Judge Glenn Dale Carter as justices on the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Supreme Court.

At the General Council Meeting on Saturday, June 28, Chairman John Barrett told members, "At that meeting, there will be a motion made to call an election to confirm Judge Carter and Justice Riley."

Approval of that motion started a process for confirming Riley and Carter. "Every (tribal member) will be mailed a Request for Ballot and will have the opportunity to vote," Chairman Barrett explained.

In the special election on Aug. 23, tribal members confirmed both Judge Carter and Ms. Riley. The final vote on Ms. Riley was 703 to 78. She carried the nationwide absentee balloting by a count of 683 to 76, which is 90 percent yes votes. She got 20 of the 22 walk-in votes cast on her confirmation.

Judge Carter was confirmed by a 648 to 143 vote. The absentee vote went Judge Carter's way by a count of 626 to 142, a percentage of 81.5 percent. In the live vote, Carter got 22 of 23 ballots cast.

The special meeting was held at the Nation's new Reunion Hall, near the pow wow grounds.

Justice Riley is a tribal member and a law professor at Southwestern Law College in Los Angeles, Calif. Judge Carter recently retired from the Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma bench. He served as a judge for 37 years and is considered one of the leading experts on juvenile law in Oklahoma.

More information about the new justices is available in the previous HowNiKan and on the Nation's Web site, www.Potawatomi.org.

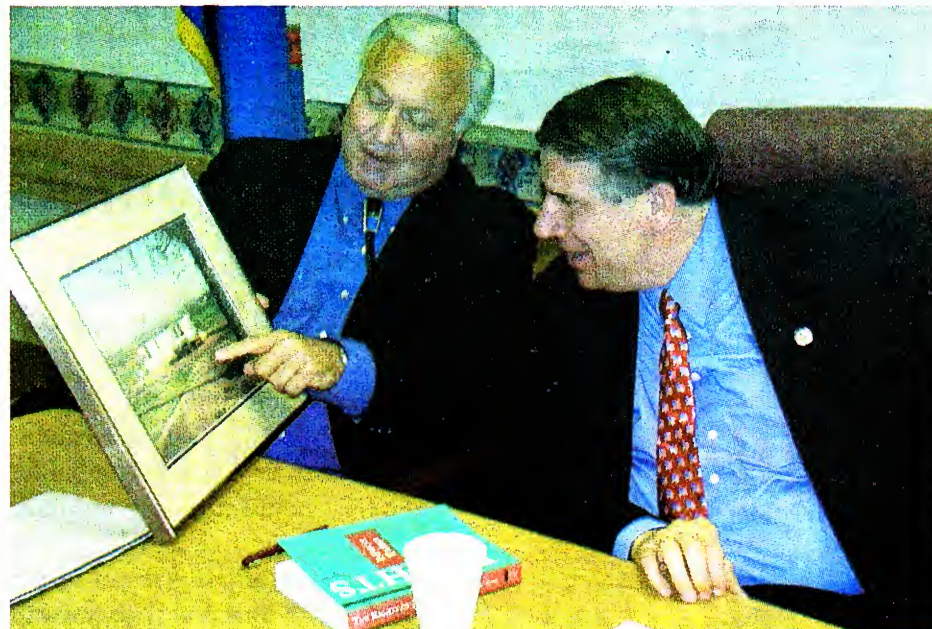
At General Council, the following tribal members earned these awards:

Wisest Potawatomi – Nila Nadeau Locke, a graduate of Sacred Heart Academy, and Patricia Vandegriff, who celebrated their 92nd birthdays in April and March 2003, respectively; Youngest Potawatomi – Alyssa Irene Deland, who was born June 14, 2003; and Potawatomi Who Traveled Farthest – Katherine Reardon of Washington state.

Istook:

Tribal leaders discuss economic development with U.S. Rep. Ernest Istook

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Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett uses a 1970s photo to illustrate the Nation's progress for U.S. Rep. Ernest Istook, right.

"As a consequence, there are billions of dollars tied up in bricks and mortar in Indian Country that could go to (financing) economic development that are sitting there frozen," Barrett added.

Rep. Istook asked questions about the history of efforts to change the situation. He indicated agreement that the situation should change.

"I can tell you that I cannot recall ever hearing any discussion in Washington, anyone bringing this up as something that needs to be changed and corrected," Istook replied. "That's why I posed the question about the history of efforts to accomplish it."

The congressman called this "a no-brainer to correct," and said that solving problems such as this could be a catalyst for finding solutions to thornier controversies.

Making this change would benefit Oklahoma, Barrett pointed out. He said the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is already Shawnee's largest employer and has a direct annual economic impact of more than \$76 million on the Shawnee area economy.

"The dollars we generate on our payroll turn over in this economy at least five times," Barrett said.

Truman Carter, Sac and Fox Nation Treasurer and a Shawnee attorney, told Rep. Istook that it took him two years to persuade the BIA to approve guaranteeing a mortgage on his personal property, which is in trust status. Carter pointed out that he remains the only individual Indian with a leasehold mortgage on trust land in Pottawatomie County.

"If they had denied that trust mortgage, even though I'm credit worthy, my land would just be barren and undeveloped," Carter said.

On another topic, Rep. Istook indicated support for efforts to force the federal government to make Individual Indian Money account holders whole. The Interior Department has been sued over mismanagement of some 500,000 such accounts, set up in the 1880s for management of trust land revenue earned by individual Indians.

"Any time you've got a trust, the trustee mismanages it, and you resolve all doubts in favor of the beneficiary, as I say to other members of Congress, 'We're going to pay. We're going to pay through the nose.' And, we should," Istook told the tribal leaders.

"I appreciate hearing that," Barrett answered.

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Fellow Citizen Potawatomi Members,

Thank you for the confidence you have shown in me by choosing me to represent you on the Business Committee.

I make you one promise: to make every decision with Citizen Potawatomi members' needs as my foremost consideration.

At the Denver Regional Meeting, Chairman Rocky Barrett handwrote a note to me. I shared it with tribal members who attended that meeting, and share it with you now:

In 1956, General Dwight D. Eisenhower was running for President of the United States, his first political office. He was running against Adlai Stevenson, a United States Senator and Ivy League professor.

In his first campaign speech, Gen. Eisenhower said, "I grew up on a farm in Kansas, and, one day, my father took me with him to a neighbor's house to buy a milk cow. I was about eight years old.

"My father asked the farmer what the cow's pedigree was. The farmer said he did not know what a pedigree is and added that this 'is a good cow from a dependable cow family.'

"My father then asked what the amount of milk production and butter-fat content were for the cow. The farmer said, 'I'm not sure, but she is a good, honest cow and will give you all she's got.'"

Gen. Eisenhower then told the audience, "I don't have a political pedigree, but, just like that cow, I am honest and will give you everything I've got."



Jim Snow is sworn in as a Citizen Potawatomi Nation Business Committeeman by District Judge Phil Lujan and Tribal Court Administrator Vicki Lofton.

I hope you will think of me in these same terms. I am honest and will give the job everything I've got.

I believe in the new constitution, preserving the Regional Councils, and more services to our members who live outside of Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma.

On behalf of my wife and children and myself, a "Thank You" for your encouragement and support.

Thank you again.

Jim Snow

M A I L B A G

Dear Business Committee, Housing Authority, and Scholarship Committee,

I just wanted to express my gratitude to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and its employees and programs that have made a tremendous impact on my life and that of my family. This tribe has been so generous in all that they do for their tribal members.

Potawatomi Nation has provided a job for me since I was 15 years old, and I love the career I am molding while working for the Nation. I could not have asked for a better opportunity than working for my people and under such wonderful and qualified directors as Janet Draper.

Not only has the tribe provided me with employment in order to take care of my family, they have also provided funding so that I may attend college and further my education. Without the scholarships that the tribe grants, it would be very difficult for me to attend college and prepare for my future in a way that will benefit me and this tribe that I am able to work for.

Chuck Clark and Melissa Hilton have been such a huge help in this area. Besides the scholarship from Potawatomi Nation, Mrs. Linda Capps assisted me when I began my college studies by preparing a recommendation for another grant for minority students. It is with her help that I have been so blessed with that opportunity as well.

As if these blessings were not enough to affect my life in such an amazing way, I now have the chance to purchase a home through the Housing Authority. I am so excited to move closer to my family and work and I have them to thank.

Bob Carlile and Gary Russ have been so generous and understanding throughout the process, being that this is the first time I have ever traveled this path. They have also provided my son and me with an amazing opportunity to change our lives for the better and offer us a more stable future. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has made so many of the dreams for my son and me possible.

There is nothing I can do to show the extent of my sincere thanks and gratitude for the opportunities and assistance that the tribe has so willingly

offered and provided. I appreciate this tribal family so much and I hope I can continue to share the same opportunities with other tribal members in the future. Thank you again so much for all that you do for all members and employees of the tribe. You are appreciated by many such as myself.

Sincerely,
B.J. Trousdale

Charles Clark,

Thanks for your special effort in getting reservations for my husband and myself and for our daughter, Lora DeLapp. We appreciate it very much, and hope to return next year.

Peggy and Alex Hutton

Charles Clark, Scholarship Foundation,

I am writing this letter in gratitude for all the generous contributions that you and the scholarship foundation have awarded me in pursuing my college education at Washburn University in Topeka, Kans. Because of the scholarships that I have been given over the past year, I am still able to continue on with my goals and achieve all of my dreams. Without the aide that I am provided, I unfortunately would not be able to continue my education.

I have once again decided to attend Washburn University in the fall. I will be a sophomore and will be taking 15 credit hours. I am still pursuing a degree in business, but I have also taken on the challenge of minoring in legal studies. Going to school and also working a part-time job is very difficult, but I feel that with time and dedication, I will be able to manage my tasks very well.

Once again, thank you so much for all of the contributions that you have given me in continuing my education. I hope that you will continue to aide me in my goals. Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Sincerely,
Holly Williams
Topeka, KS

Charles Clark,

Thank you so much for awarding me a scholarship for summer! A little less time working is a little more time studying. I appreciate it.

Traci Huffman

To the Potawatomi People,

I am a part of this tribe. I am 83 years old, and have lived here in Texas all my life.

I receive the paper from the HowNiKan, and I would like to say as everyone has their opinion. I love you my people. And, I want to share something I have experienced in my life that I cherish above all things is that we are a spiritual people.

This spirit comes from Jesus Christ, who paid the price by His blood to set us free from all sin and heal our bodies with His blood at the cross. Jesus Christ is the only way to be saved.

If we ask Him to come in our lives and then we live for Him, we have eternal life with Him in His kingdom He makes here on earth - real soon.

The Gospel is going around the world by TBN satellite. He said when everyone hears the Gospel He is coming back for His people. I pray you all will be ready.

Love,
Ophelia L. Alford

Editor,

In a recent issue of the HowNiKan, there was an article about my son, Mike Rich, the screenplay writer. I would like to add a little more about his Indian Heritage. His great-grandmother was Vinnie Barnes, who was a long time resident of Shawnee. She was a descendant of Alex Muller. I can remember as a little girl her relating things that she knew about the Potawatomi Tribe and was always very faithful about getting all of the grandchildren listed on the tribal rolls.

Thank You,
Cari Orr

When you and you and you lie next to me...

Rescuing Trace Adkins and crew



Nashville, Tenn. - The Academy of Country Music's "Top New Female Vocalist," Kellie Coffey, a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, can also add Good Samaritan to her resume. After a show in North Platte, Nebraska, Coffey and crew were en route to their next show.

They happened upon fellow singer Trace Adkins' bus on the side of the road with serious engine problems. Coffey and Adkins were both to perform at a concert in Grand Junction, Colorado, so Coffey invited Adkins and his crew aboard her bus.

Coffey, the highest-debuting Soundscan female artist of the decade with her album, "When You Lie Next To Me," found herself next to 24 people. The ten-hour trip allowed everyone the chance to get to know each other a little better.

"It looked like one of those clown cars when we got to the gig, with an endless line of people getting off the bus," laughed Coffey. "I wonder what the world record for musicians on a tour bus is."

After the show the gang once again boarded Coffey's bus, this time headed for Denver where Adkins' bus was being repaired. "How cool! I got to bus pool with Trace Adkins," she concluded.

Coffey continues to tour and help stranded people this summer and will release the first single from her sophomore album later this year.

McSpadden Bookbindery: Echoing the quality of a bygone era

Quality bookbinders - they are not on every corner or, even, in every city. Their reliance on techniques and tools now more than a century old sets them apart.

Top-notch bookbinding techniques being practiced and amazing restoration projects are the norm at McSpadden Bookbindery in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Gayle McSpadden, a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member, and husband Corry own the small shop with a worldwide clientele, located in downtown.

If you ask the McSpaddens about their most important equipment, they hold up their bare hands. They do use tools, many of them from the late 1880s and early 1900s. But, those tools, and the few machines in the shop, are wielded by hand.

The rebinding process involves removing the cover, healing damaged pages as much as possible, hand-stitching the pages together, and restoring the cover.

"We won't try to make (it) look like a new book," Corry McSpadden said. "If it has stains, who knows, it could be blood stains from a battle. We want to leave that on there."

"We don't want the book to look frazzled when they get it back," Gayle McSpadden explained. "So, we do a lot of cleanup work and tightening. We restore it as close to original, without losing its character, as we can."

She said she applies a substance called celu-gel. "It softens (the cover) so I can polish it with a leather cream. Sometimes, if it needs coloring, I color it with a leather polish," she explained.

Corry McSpadden said that what the pair does now "prevents a problem (with a book) 150 years from now."

The McSpaddens receive some

interesting projects. On the day the *HowNiKan* visited the bookbindery, a University of Oklahoma professor was there dropping off a copy of author Colleen McCullough's latest manuscript for binding.

"She has given him that copy. It is her finished manuscript, with all of her notations," Corry McSpadden said. "It's due to come out pretty quick." The McSpaddens had bound the first typewriter copy of the manuscript, a few months earlier.

(For those who might not know, McCullough wrote the "Thorn Birds"

and other best-selling novels, several of which have been transferred to the television screen as mini-series.)

In one instance, the McSpaddens bound a McCullough manuscript. After that particular novel reached the publisher, the editor requested that McCullough switch the order of two chapters. That rendered the early bound manuscript a one-of-kind look into a novel's progress from author's mind to bookshelves.

Another McSpadden project was to restore and rebind a book of poetry that was owned by a member of President Abraham Lincoln's cabinet. The book had

been used by Secretary Rear Admiral of the Navy John Adolphus Dahlgren and Secretary of State William Henry Seward to exchange notes in planning a boat trip with President Lincoln.

"There was a note from Seward to Dahlgren that said, 'Please, have a boat ready at five o'clock.' And, there was a follow-up note that said, 'Yes, we will be leaving. Have that boat ready to go,'" Corry McSpadden explained.

"There was the Secretary of State and Abraham Lincoln getting ready to leave on a boat, and here were the notes."

Additionally, President Lincoln read a poem from that book to Union soldiers at Fredericksburg. Dahlgren made notations in the margin to that effect.

McSpadden said that was a thrilling project. "It gave you chills to read this same poem from the same book that Abraham Lincoln read from," he said.

The oldest book the McSpaddens have restored is a Bible

from 1411. The most valuable book they have worked on is worth \$350,000 to 400,000. One set of nine books carried a value of more than \$1 million.

"We do enjoy this. It's very rewarding," Gayle McSpadden said. "You've got to like what you're doing."

Much of the bookbindery's business involves restoring family Bibles, many of which contain invaluable family history and genealogical information. Anyone wanting to know more about the McSpadden's business can call them at 330-2300 or can visit the business' Web site, www.mcspaddenbookbindery.com.

Corry McSpadden learned bookbinding from his father, C.B. McSpadden. The elder McSpadden had learned the trade at the University of North Texas in the 1930s.

After taking over the business when his father retired and moving it place-to-place, typically operating from a spare room in his home, McSpadden decided to make a full-fledged business of bookbinding. "I didn't want it to be a completely lost trade," he said.



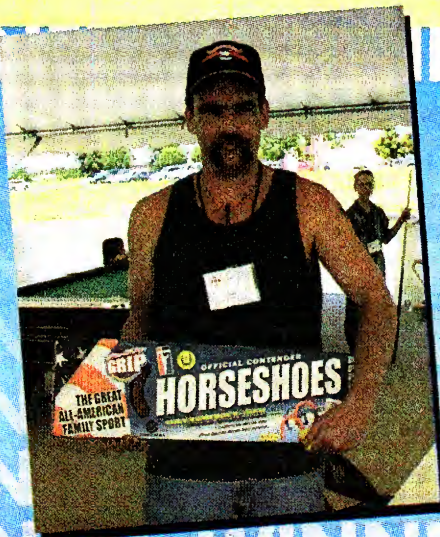
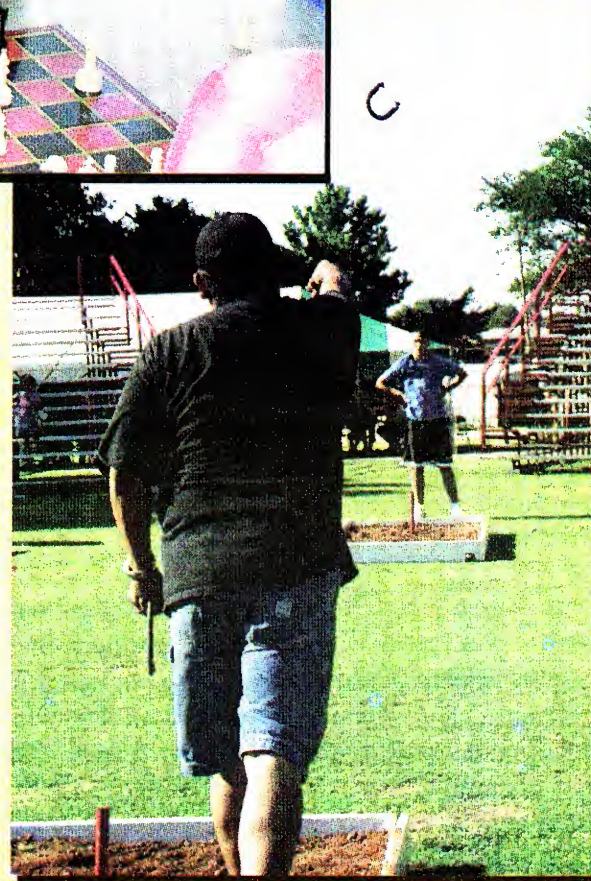
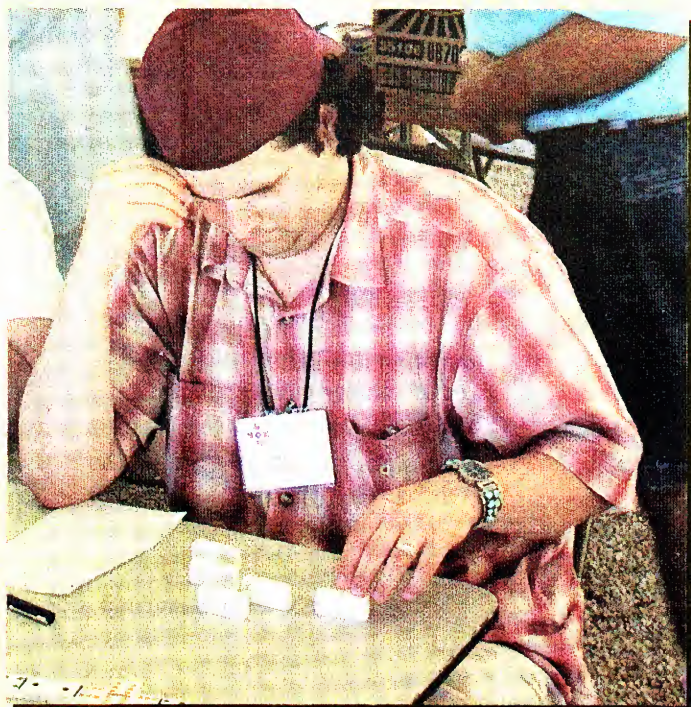
Gayle McSpadden shows off the refurbishment of a book from the late 1800s.



Corry McSpadden demonstrates 'skiving,' a process for beveling the edge of a leather bookbinding.

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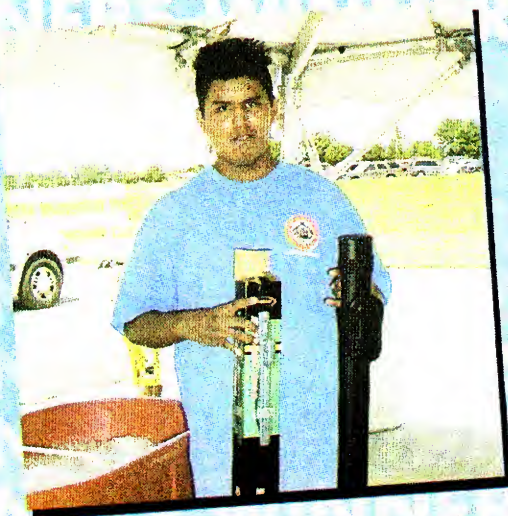
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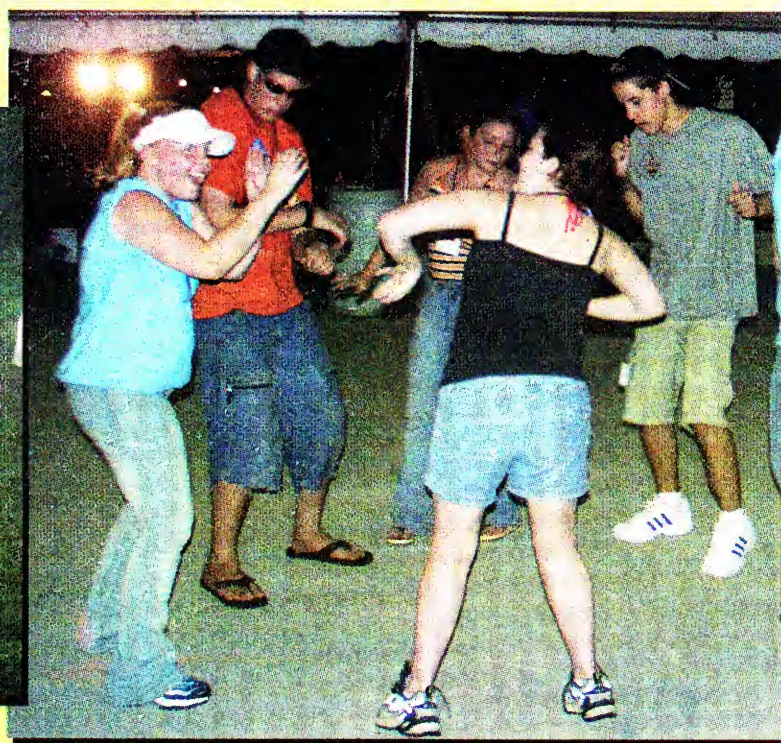
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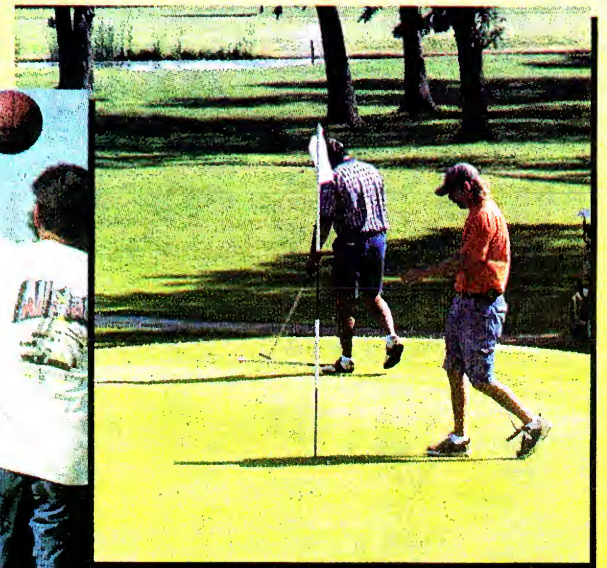
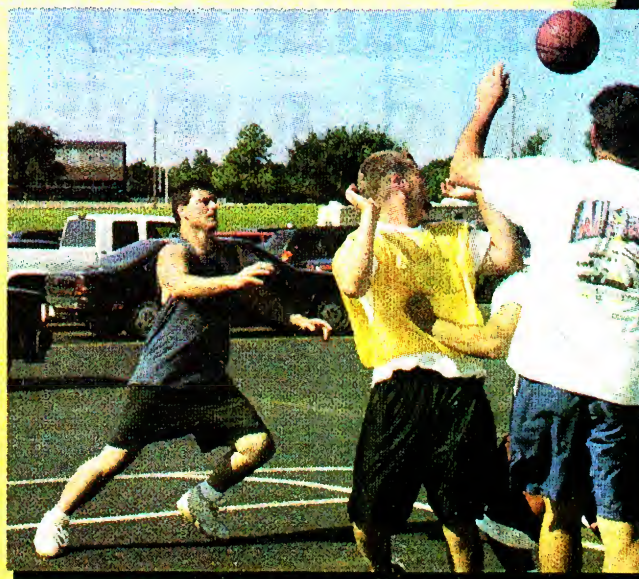
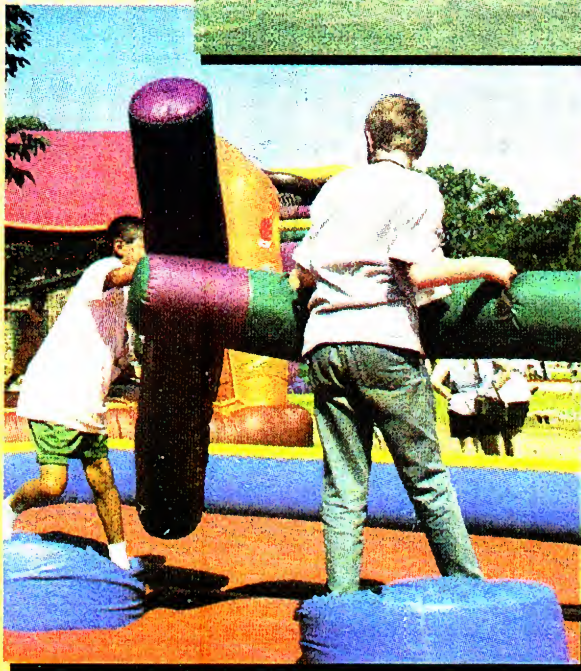
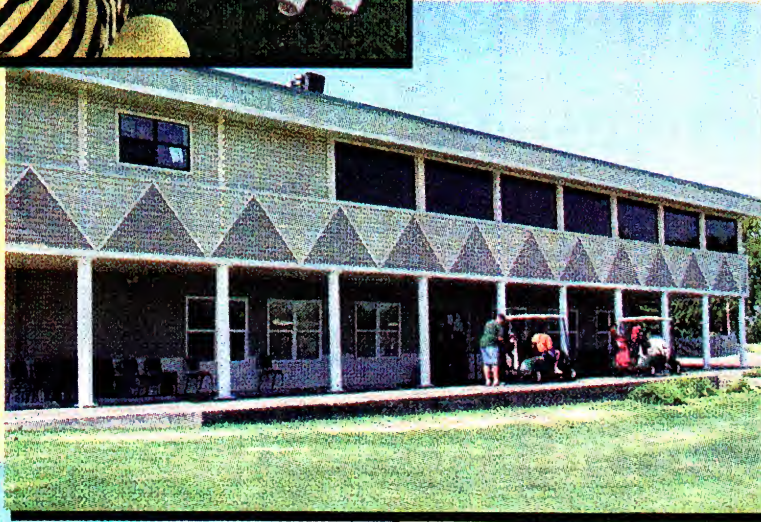


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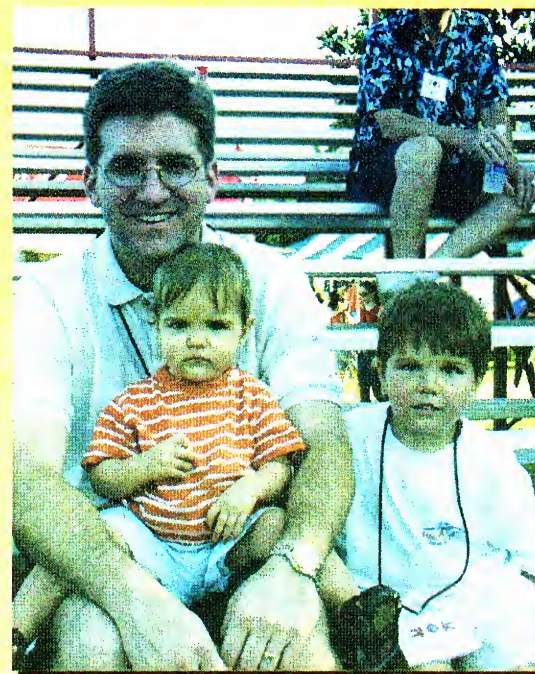


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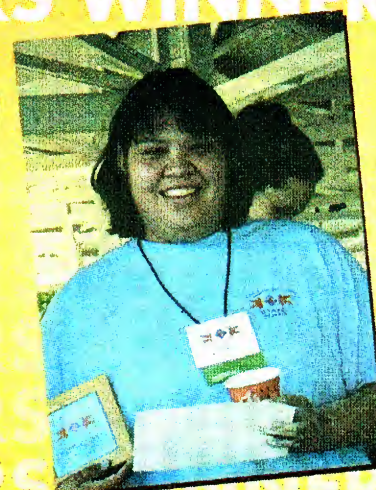


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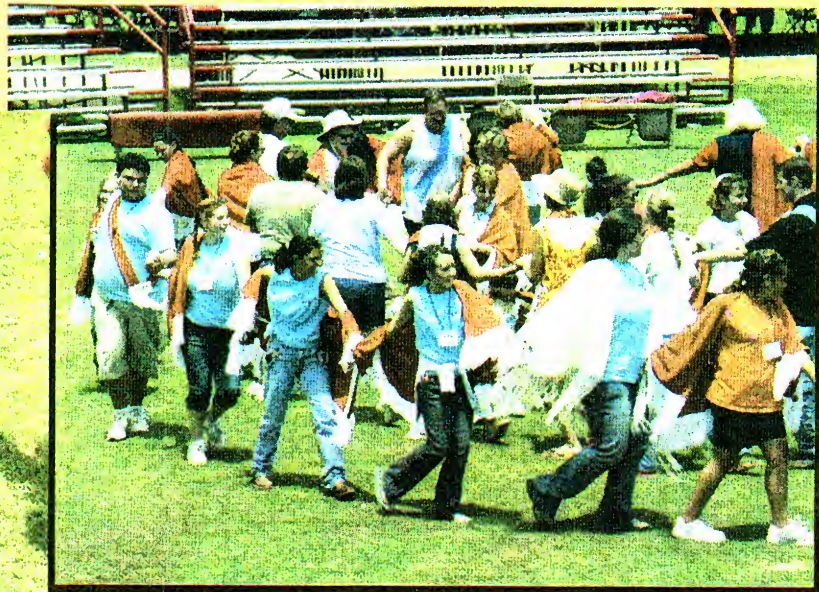


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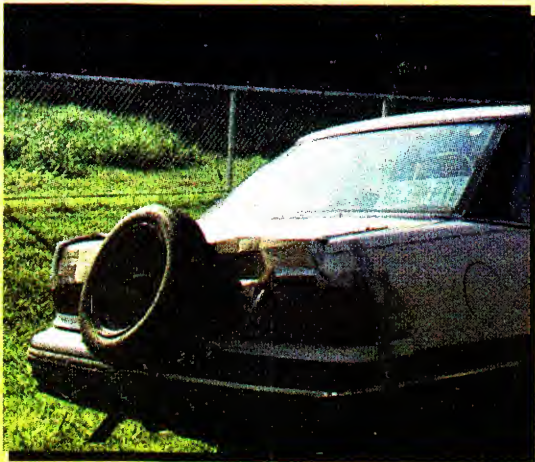
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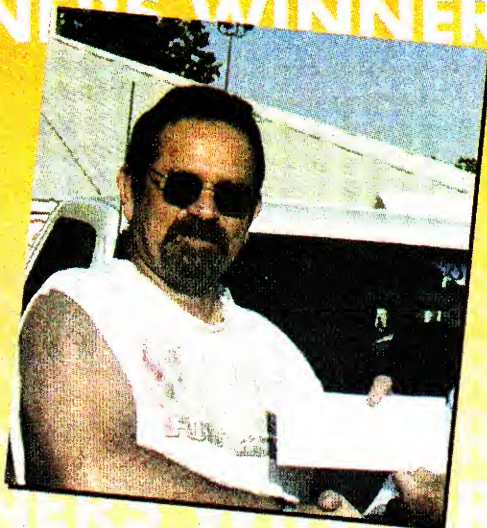
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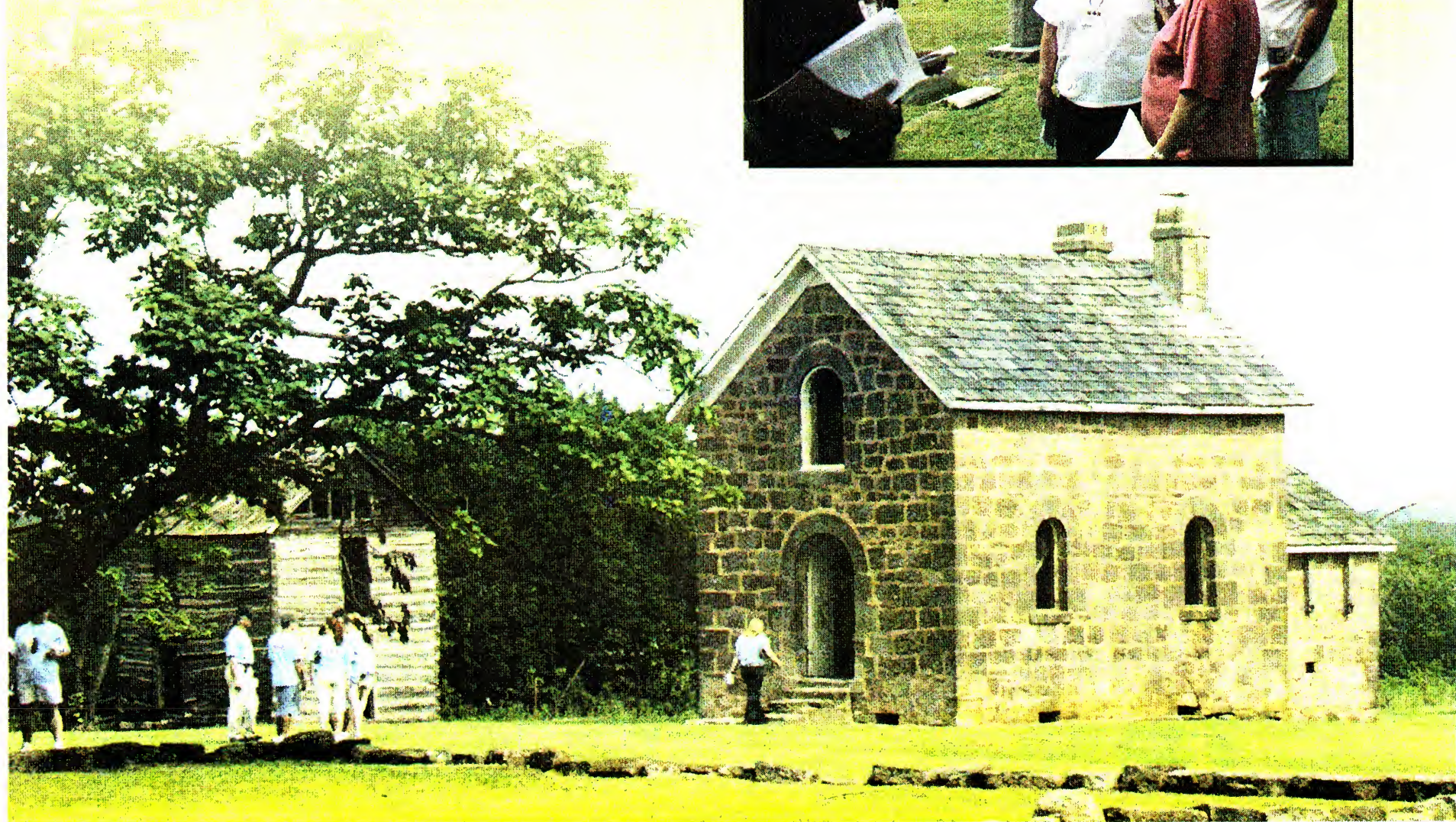
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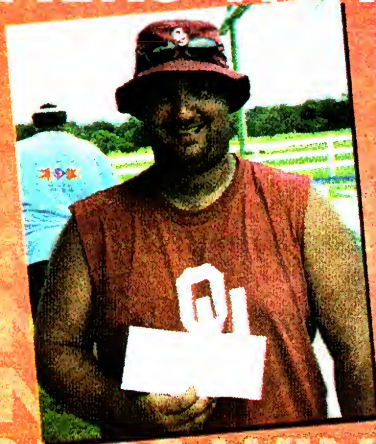
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Shawnee, Chandler boxers highlight first-ever FireLake Casino card

Matches featuring natives of Shawnee and Chandler will highlight the first-ever boxing card at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's FireLake Casino. The action is set for 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Scheduled for a week before the OU/Texas football game, the card will feature a "Red River Shootout" theme. Each of five Oklahoma boxers will tangle with an opponent from Texas.

Chandler native Tracy Sneed and Shawnee native Darrin Humphrey are two of the Oklahoma boxers. Sneed, a middleweight, sports a 14-1 pro record with 12 KOs. Humphrey, a cruiserweight, is 14-3 as a pro.

At a Quail Creek Country Club news conference, Sneed invited his Chandler supporters to the match. "I need your support. You know how I fight when I do have your support," he said. "That makes me just that much rougher and tougher."

Humphrey agreed, saying that hometown support "is the background

of everything you need in boxing. I'm ready to go. I've had about 40 to 50 fights through amateur and pro. This will be the first time I've gotten to go to Shawnee to fight."



Boxers Tracy Sneed, left, and Darrin Humphrey, right, await their turns to speak as FireLake Casino Marketing Director Brad Peltier supplies details about an Oct. 4 card that features Sneed and Humphrey.

Sneed said his Texas opponent had best be ready. "As always, I'm going to be looking for a knockout. So, if you want to see a knockout, come and watch it."

Humphrey said has been working on his jabs. "That's not really a power punch. But, it sets up all your power punches."

Sneed and Humphrey like the Oklahoma vs. Texas format. "I think it's great,"

Humphrey said. "The following weekend, OU is going to go down to Dallas and whup up on Texas. This is the pre-party, I guess."

"It's like the OU/Texas game," Sneed added. "Everybody in Oklahoma hates Texas at this time (of year). Texas hates Oklahoma. So, my opponent is going to hate me, and I'm

going to hate him. And, we're going to get down."

Brad Peltier, FireLake Casino marketing director, said there will be some 1,000 general admission tickets available at \$20

each. Tickets can be purchased by calling the casino at 405-273-2242.

Sneed and close friend Brent LaGere, a Chandler businessman, have established Oklahoma's only all-boxing training camp. It sits on 1,060 acres, roughly three miles east of Davenport, which is in Lincoln County. Sneed wanted to keep the camp simple and away from the city.

"No distractions," said Sneed. "Can't get distracted when there's nothing around. All the boxers can do is train and exercise, that's it. If they want to come here and train, they have to be serious and focused, so being this far away from any towns is perfect for them."

Oklahoma City-based World Class Boxing is lining up the boxers. Oklahoma City businessman Steve Marler is one of the WCB investors.

Sneed and Humphrey are now in Las Vegas, for several weeks of pre-fight training at the Top Rank Boxing facility there.



Citizen Potawatomi Nation Inter-Tribal Pow-Wow

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Dance Grounds - Shawnee, OK
October 11, 2003

Grand Entries: 1pm & 7pm Meal Break: 5:30 - 7 pm

Registration closes at Noon

Head Staff

Head Singer: Vann BigHorse..... Pawhuska, Okla.

Head Man Dancer: Joseph Byrd.....Tahlequah, Okla.

Head Lady Dancer: Peggy Kinder.....Gladstone, Mo.

Potawatomi Princess: Tesia Zientek.....Shawnee, Okla.

MC: Hammond Motah..... Carnegie, Okla.

AD: Jeremy Finch..... Tecumseh, Okla.

Head Judge: Zack Morris.....Shawnee, Okla.

Events

Tiny Tots - 0 to 6 yrs.

Youth Division - 7 thru 11 yrs. (combined categories)

Junior Division - 12 thru 16 yrs. (combined categories)

Senior Division - 17 thru 54 yrs.

Ladies Cloth, Ladies Buckskin, Ladies Jingle, Ladies Fancy Shawl
Mens Straight, Mens Grass, Mens Traditional, Mens Fancy

Golden Age Men & Women Division - 55 yrs & up (combined)

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CPN partners with COJC on drug dog purchase

Lean budget times for Oklahoma's state government are forcing agencies to be ever more creative with partnerships and ideas for fulfilling their missions.

One of the latest partnerships, one aimed at meeting a specific need, includes the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs.

On Monday, June 23 at the Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center in Tecumseh, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation will present OJA officials a check for purchase of a drug dog.

"COJC and the Nation have partnered for years on various community projects," John A. 'Rocky' Barrett, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Chairman. "This is just another example of how we continue to provide valuable resources to local communities and the State."

Under the partnership agreement, the Nation will be able to use the drug dog when it has a need. The dog and its handler will be housed at COJC.

The dog will provide interdiction services to OJA's two other secure facilities, located in Manitou and Sand Springs.

In an ongoing effort to provide a safe, drug-free environment in medium- and maximum-security institutions, OJA began using a drug dog to enhance security procedures.

"The first surprise drug sweep, about two years ago, turned up very little," said Richard DeLaughter, OJA Executive Director. "While (we were) pleased by those results, the agency is strongly committed to a drug free environment, and the drug dog helps provide key interdiction services."

DeLaughter said the additional security measure embodied by the drug dog helps ensure that staff members,



OJA Director Richard DeLaughter, left, and COJC Superintendent Rebecca Virtue, center, accept a donation from CPN Indian Child Welfare Director Janet Draper. Heather Hendrickson, handler, and new drug dog Winston kneel in the foreground.

work crews, and visitors do not take drugs into OJA facilities.

The need for a new drug dog arose after Mike, the agency's previous drug dog, had to be euthanized because of serious health conditions.

Tamara Lawson, COJC's Volunteer Director, brought up the issue in one of the facility's Citizen Advisory Board meetings. That set one of the Board members to planning.

That board member, CPN Indian Child Welfare program director, bounced a creative idea around then took it to her supervisor, CPN Vice Chairman Linda Capps.

Capps supported the creative solution, according to Draper. Lawson quickly ironed out details.

"Due to the deep budget cuts OJA has taken over the past two years, it was impossible to replace the drug dog," DeLaughter said. "It is through the hard work and efforts of Janet Draper and Tamara Lawson that the idea came to fruition. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is the real hero here, and the OJA is thankful for their generosity."

Supreme Court Justice election held

On a unanimous vote, tribal members attending a July 26 Special General Council Meeting have approved holding a Citizen Potawatomi Nation-wide vote on confirmation of two tribal Supreme Court justices.

The election was held on Saturday, August 23, with Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal members confirming Angela Renee Riley and Judge Glenn Dale Carter to terms on the Nation's Supreme Court.

Riley is a tribal member and a native of southwest Oklahoma. Carter is a retired Pottawatomie County District Judge and a recognized authority on juvenile law.

Section Five, Article XI of the tribal constitution calls for holding an election on confirmation of Business Committee appointees to tribal judicial posts. If confirmed, justices Riley and Carter will serve the remainder of terms that conclude in June 2004.

They will be eligible for re-confirmation through a vote at the June 2004

General Council Meeting.

Justice Riley is a graduate of Harvard School of Law and the University of Oklahoma. She is a faculty member at the Southwest College of Law in Los Angeles, Calif.

Justice Carter has retired from a career on the Pottawatomie County, Okla. bench that spanned 36 years. He is recognized as an authority on juvenile law. John 'Rocky' Barrett, CPN Chairman, says that experience is especially pertinent for the tribal Supreme Court position because a large portion of its cases involve young people.

Also at the General Council meeting, Tanya Peltier, who was elected to the CPN Grievance Committee without opposition in June, took her oath of office. New Grievance Committee members Victor Cope of Tecumseh and Cathy Pemberton of Oklahoma City were not available to be sworn in.

Cope and Pemberton were also elected without opposition.



New Citizen Potawatomi Supreme Court Justice Glenn Dale Carter listens to the proceedings at a Special General Council Meeting (right). At that meeting, Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett swore in Tanya Peltier as a Grievance Committee member (below).



W A L K I N G O N

Carroll S. Bourbonnais



Carroll Shaubaunia Bourbonnais passed away on June 24, 2003 in Modesto, Calif. at age 95. He was a native of Tecumseh, Oklahoma and a descendant of the Citizen Potawatomi Indians, who, in the 1860s, gave up their land on the Kansas reservation, eventually settling in Oklahoma.

In the 1920s, he attended Shawnee Indian Boarding School in Shawnee, Oklahoma. In 1945, he moved to Fresno, Calif. He remained there 50 years. He retired in 1973, after working 17 years as a maintenance engineer for Gottschalks and Sears. He was a talented cartoonist and he enjoyed researching his genealogy. Carroll was a life time member of the Historical Society in Bourbonnais, Illinois.

In 1995, he moved to Modesto, Ca. and resided there until his death.

He was married 71 years. He is survived by his wife, Lula; four grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Leon and grandson Curtice.

Paul E. Schmidlkofer

Tecumseh, Okla. resident Paul E. Schmidlkofer, 76, died

Thursday, July 3, 2003, at Norman Regional Hospital. He was born Aug. 16, 1926, in Shawnee to Frank and Nellie (Tascier) Schmidlkofer. He attended St. Benedict's Catholic School.

Schmidlkofer served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He later joined the U.S. Air Force and served during the Korean conflict and Vietnam before retiring in 1968. After his military retirement, he owned and operated the Criterion Barber Shop. He married Carolyn LaPointe on Sept. 16, 1990, in Tecumseh.

He served five years as scout-master for St. Benedict's Troop 408, was a member of the VFW, was former Chairman of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, initiated Indian bingo, and was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Seminole.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Vincent Schmidlkofer, Frank Schmidlkofer, Leo Schmidlkofer and Bernard Schmidlkofer, and a sister, Rosemary Glendenning.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Schmidlkofer, of the home; children and their spouses, Steve Schmidlkofer of Seminole, Timothy and Jackie Schmidlkofer of McLoud, Paul A. and Janie Schmidlkofer of Tecumseh, James and Eva Schmidlkofer of Okemah, Frank and Monica Schmidlkofer of Tecumseh, Patricia Schmidlkofer of Shawnee, Vincent Schmidlkofer of San Diego, Calif., Natalie Schmidlkofer of Tecumseh, Paul B. Schmidlkofer of Durango, Colo., Veronica Schmidlkofer of Tecumseh, Stephen LaPointe of Oklahoma City, Patrick Marsh of

Oklahoma City, and Sean Marsh of Shawnee; sisters, Rita Kusek of Oklahoma City, Mary Everett of Tecumseh, and Teresa Schmidlkofer; a brother, Joe Schmidlkofer of Sulphur; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many other relatives.

Rosary was said at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 8 at Resthaven Funeral Chapel in Shawnee. The funeral was held at 10 a.m., July 9 at St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Shawnee. Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Park.



Clarence Joseph Trousdale

Shawnee resident Clarence Joseph Trousdale, 87, died Sunday, July 6, 2003, in Shawnee. He was born March 13, 1916, in Trousdale to Augustus Nelson Trousdale and Mayme Agnes Trousdale.

He graduated from Trousdale High School in 1932 and attended St. Gregory's Preparatory School and East Central University. He was married to Tava Stark for 56 years.

Trousdale served in the

United States Army as a field artillery sergeant during World War II. He was in business with his brother, Harold, at C&H Wholesale until he retired in 1983, then he raised Charolais cattle on his farm in Trousdale.

He was a member of the VFW, Elks Club, American Legion, Greater Shawnee Area Chamber of Commerce, St. Gregory's Alumni Association and Trousdale Alumni Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant daughter, brother, Ralph Trousdale, and an infant sister.

Survivors include his wife, Tava Trousdale of Shawnee; daughters and sons-in-law, Donna Sue and Rich Roberts of Shawnee, and Bobbie and Bob Crowder of Stroud, Okla.; a sister, Agnes Lawson of Shawnee; a brother, Harold Trousdale of Shawnee; seven grandchildren, Rick Crabtree, Todd Crabtree, Bruce Roberts, Julie McCarthy, Laurie Weddle, Brooke Roberts and Jordan Roberts; eight great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; and many other relatives.

A vigil was held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 8 at Walker Funeral Service. A Mass of Christian burial was held at noon July 9 at St. Benedict's Catholic Church with the Rev. Maurus P. Jaeb, O.S.B., and the Rev. Charles Massoth, O.S.B., officiating. Burial followed at Calvary Cemetery under the direction of Walker Funeral Service of Shawnee.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Benedict's Catholic Church building fund.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Authority Acquisition Home Purchase Program



218 Maple, Tecumseh
3 bdrm, 1 ½ bath, CH/A., Dishwasher,
recessed lighting, utility room,
fenced back yard

Purchase Prices \$ 74,700
CPNHA Buy Down \$ 20,000
Your Loan Amount \$ 54,700



310 W. Locust, Tecumseh
3bdr, 1 ½ baths, fireplace,
CH/A, cellar,
fenced back yard

Purchase Price \$ 68,000
CPNHA Buy Down \$ 20,000
Your Loan Amount \$ 48,000



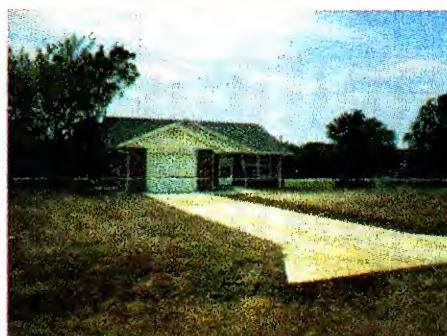
35451 New Hope Road, Tecumseh
3bdrm, 1 ½ baths, CH/A,
2 car garage, 2+ acres,
fenced back & front yard

Purchase Price \$80,000
CPNHA Buy Down \$20,000
Your Loan Amount \$60,000



507 N. 8th Street, Tecumseh
4bdrm, CH/A, 1 ½ baths,
fenced back yard

Purchase Price \$67,000
CPNHA Buy Down \$20,000
Your Loan Amount \$47,000



602 S. 4th Street, Tecumseh
Brand New, 3bdrm, CH/A,
dishwasher, 2 full baths

Purchase Price \$ 83,000
CPNHA Buy Down \$ 20,000
Your Loan amount \$ 63,000



604 S. 4th Street, Tecumseh
Brand New, 3bdrm, CH/A,
dishwasher, 2 full baths

Purchase Price \$ 83,000
CPNHA Buy Down \$ 20,000
Your Loan amount \$ 63,000



703 E. Jefferson, Tecumseh
3bdrm, CH/A, 2 full baths,
utility room, cellar, fenced back yard

Purchase Price \$ 76,000
CPNHA Buy Down \$ 20,000
Your Loan Amount \$ 56,000

The CPN Housing Authority (CPNHA) is pleased to offer these fine homes to all Tribal Members. They are located in and around Tecumseh, where CPNHA purchases the homes, makes improvements where necessary, then makes them available for sale to tribal members through the Acquisition Home Purchase Program. This program grants \$20,000 towards the purchase price of the home, leaving an affordable balance to be financed at the First National Bank & Trust Co., in Shawnee. Tribal members in other regions are welcome to take advantage of this program, provided you are willing to relocate to Oklahoma.

For more information regarding this program, contact Sherry Byers at 405-878-4696 or 1-800-227-8362, ext. 226.

LETTER FROM THE VICE CHAIRMAN

The 2003 Tenth Annual Potawatomi Gathering was held July 30 through August 3 at Hannahville Indian Community in Wilson, Michigan. Despite the rainy weather, the Gathering was a huge success complete with superb hospitality by the Hannahville Potawatomi. The fully-scheduled event was filled with a gathering of the councils, sunrise ceremonies, pow wow dancing, concurrent sessions on Potawatomi Language and crafts, lots of good food, and genuine fellowship between Citizen Potawatomi members and our neighbors to the North. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation was well represented with a showing of members from around the U.S., including members from Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oklahoma, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming.

If you have not had the pleasure of attending one of the annual Potawatomi Gatherings, perhaps you can begin plans to attend the 2004 Gathering, which will be hosted by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. The date is August 5 through 8. The 2004 Festival is scheduled for June 25, 26, and 27; we will have a busy Potawatomi

summer. There will be more information forthcoming regarding the Gathering.

The Citizen Potawatomi last hosted the Fifth Annual Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations in 1997. Although that does not seem too long ago, numerous changes have occurred with our Nation since then. Among the most significant are the expansion of our clinic, the building of FireLake Discount Foods, improvements to the festival grounds, the acquisition of key investment properties including the farm operation, and the growth of First National Bank & Trust. With approximately 700 employees today, our employment has more than doubled since 1997. The payroll per year has increased from about \$5 million to approximately \$13 million. We have increased scholarships, health aids, housing benefits, burial assistance, social services, and financial services.

Our northern neighbors will experience improved facilities and will encounter tribal members and employees who are exceptional at hosting large events. As in the past, we will have gifts, souvenirs, stories for the young, language and cultural sessions, sharing of religious customs and prayers, and



Citizen Potawatomi Nation Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett accepts the staff, representative of the fact that the CPN will host the 2004 Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations.

discussions of common goals.

One of the most important aspects for our Citizen Potawatomi members is that we will share our own traditions with our northern neighbors. Those of you have been a part of our family reunions know that since we discontinued the intertribal pow wow at annual general council, we have begun our own traditions in establishing our Citizen Potawatomi Reunions. We now have hundreds of tribal members involved in the dancing as opposed to just a few during the time of the intertribal pow

wow. Our tribal members are developing our own traditions as we continue to participate in our annual festival celebration. These customs and practices will be traditions for our children and grandchildren.

The 2004 Gathering will be a time for all Potawatomi people to come together in celebration of both our individual tribal traditions and those that are similar traditions.

Megwetch,

Linda Capps

White House acts to fill top BIA leadership post; David Anderson named



President George W. Bush (left) has nominated barbecue restaurant chain owner David Anderson to be BIA Director.

A barbecue restaurant chain founder and member of the Ojibwe Tribe will be nominated to succeed Oklahoma Neal McCaleb as Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs. President George Bush has announced his intention to nominate Dave Anderson, 50.

A member of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Ojibwe in Minnesota, Anderson is more commonly known as "Famous Dave," after the publicly-traded chain of barbecue restaurants he founded. The company reported revenues of \$90.8 million last year.

"I am deeply honored at the prospect of being nominated as Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Indian Affairs. I welcome the opportunity to work closely with the American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments, as well as the Bureau of Indian Affairs," said David Anderson.

The administration also said Anderson has a long history with Indian issues, noting \$6 million in donations he has made to Indian causes. He was recently recognized by Oprah Winfrey's "Angel Network" for his efforts to help Native children, including the \$1.4 million YouthSkills Foundation he created in 1999.

In a statement, Gale Norton, Interior Secretary, said, that Anderson's "innovative leadership and dedication to constant improvement," will be an

asset to the BIA.

"His inspiring vision, proven management expertise and compassion for Indian issues will help us in our efforts to improve the quality of services we provide to Indian Country," Norton added.

Aurene Martin has been serving as acting assistant secretary, hand-picked by Norton. She was angling for the permanent nomination, Republican sources said, but was not among the final candidates for the job.

Anderson's name still has to be submitted to the Senate for approval. The Senate Indian Affairs Committee would have to hold a confirmation hearing. Typically, a BIA nominee, regardless of party affiliation, receives unanimous support from the panel.